

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 13, 2001

<u>CERTIFIED MAIL</u> <u>RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED</u>

Mr. Roger Adams, Treasurer 53B House District RPM 349 Sunflower Street St. Paul, MN 55127

RE: MUR 5188

Dear Mr. Adams:

On March 27, 2001, the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") found reason to believe that 53B House District Republican Party of Minnesota ("53B House District RPM") and you, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A), which is a provision of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, by making excessive contributions to Newinski for Congress. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined to take no further action and closed its file as it pertains to 53B House District RPM and you, as treasurer. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

The Commission reminds you that making excessive contributions is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A). The 53B House District RPM and you, as treasurer, should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

The file will be made public within 30 days after this matter has been closed with respect to all other respondents involved. You are advised that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) remain in effect with respect to all respondents still involved in this matter.

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If you have any questions, please contact Delbert K. Rigsby, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Danny L. MoDonald Chairman

Enclosure

Factual and Legal Analysis

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS

MUR:

5188

RESPONDENT:

53B House District RPM and Roger Adams, as treasurer

This matter was generated based on information obtained by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities. See 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(2).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("Act"), provides that no person may make contributions to any candidate and his or her committees, which in the aggregate, exceed \$1,000 per Federal election. 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A); 11 C.F.R. § 110.1(b)(1).

53B House District RPM made contributions to Newinski for Congress (the "Committee") for the primary election in the amount of \$500 on January 25, 1997 and \$1,000 on July 27, 1998. The contributions, which total \$1,500, exceeded the contribution limitation by \$500. See id.

Therefore, there is reason to believe that 53B House District violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a)(1)(A) by making contributions to the Committee in excess of the contribution limitation.